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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Steven Wood, telephone (212) 637-3866.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

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#### **I. Background**

A TMDL, or total maximum daily load, is the maximum amount of the pollutant that a waterbody can assimilate and still meet ambient water quality standards. TMDLs are established for water quality-limited segments, which are defined as "any segment where it is known that water quality does not meet applicable water quality standards, and/or is not expected to meet applicable water quality standards, even after the application of technology-based effluent limitations \* \* \*" (40 CFR 130.2(i)).

On January 24, 1996, EPA established certain phased TMDLs, including waste load allocations (WLAs) and load allocations (LAs) for copper. (61 FR 1930). Phased TMDLs were developed for copper because of the limited ambient data and uncertainty in the model calibration for the New Jersey Harbor waters. The Phase I TMDLs established in January 1996 required additional data collection in the New Jersey Harbor waters before the establishment, as necessary, of revised Phase II TMDLs. Phase II TMDLs were to be established only if the additional data and/or modeling indicated that it was necessary to reduce point and/or nonpoint sources of copper below Phase I levels. The New Jersey Harbor waters affected by this action are Newark Bay, Hackensack River below the Oradell Dam, Passaic River below the Dundee Dam, Raritan River below the Fieldville Dam and Raritan Bay.

The New Jersey Harbor Dischargers Group (NJHDG), in cooperation with the State of New Jersey and EPA, agreed to undertake the required additional monitoring and modeling. The first phase of the monitoring was designed to enhance the existing ambient database and to confirm whether copper

exceeded or potentially exceeded applicable water quality standards in the above defined New Jersey Harbor waters. Based on the results of this data collection effort, it was determined that copper does not exceed the appropriate water quality criteria, and therefore the Phase I copper TMDLs are being withdrawn, for the waters mentioned above.

For the Arthur Kill and Kill Van Kull, the Phase I copper TMDLs are not being withdrawn by today's action. The copper TMDLs for these waters remain in effect. Additional monitoring and modeling is currently ongoing for these two waters, and EPA expects to review these data and take appropriate action. Such action may include, without limitation, withdrawing the Phase I copper TMDLs, establishing Phase II copper TMDLs or taking no action to revise the Phase I copper TMDLs. In order to clarify EPA's position in this matter, EPA will, following review of the data, publish notice in the **Federal Register** of the results of its review and what further action, if any, it intends to take on the Arthur Kill and Kill Van Kull copper TMDLs.

#### **II. Public Notice of Draft Decision**

EPA's proposed withdrawal was public noticed in the **Federal Register** dated January 10, 1997 (62 FR 1454). A 30-day comment period followed, during which EPA received five comment letters. All comments have been addressed in a responsiveness summary which may be obtained by writing or calling Mr. Steven Wood as referenced above.

#### **III. Final Decision**

EPA is noticing its final decision to withdraw the Phase I copper TMDLs from the following New Jersey Harbor waters:

- Hackensack River below the Oradell Dam,
- Passaic River below the Dundee Dam,
- Raritan River below the Fieldville Dam,
- Newark Bay, and
- Raritan Bay.

This action has no effect on the TMDLs for other pollutants established for these waters.

Dated: August 28, 1997.

**William J. Muszynski,**  
*Acting Regional Administrator.*

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#### **FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION**

##### **Farm Credit Administration Board; Regular Meeting; Sunshine Act Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Farm Credit Administration.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b(e)(3)), that the October 9, 1997 regular meeting of the Farm Credit Administration Board (Board) will not be held. The FCA Board will hold a meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 22, 1997. An agenda for this meeting will be published at a later date.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Floyd Fithian, Secretary to the Farm Credit Administration Board, (703) 883-4025, TDD (703) 883-4444.

**ADDRESSES:** Farm Credit Administration, 1501 Farm Credit Drive, McLean, Virginia 22102-5090.

Dated: September 16, 1997.

**Floyd Fithian,**

*Secretary, Farm Credit Administration Board.*

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#### **FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION**

##### **Farm Credit Administration Board; Amendment to Sunshine Act Meeting; Sunshine Act Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Farm Credit Administration.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b(e)(3)), the Farm Credit Administration gave notice on September 10, 1997 (62 FR 47667) of the regular meeting of the Farm Credit Administration Board (Board) scheduled for September 11, 1997. This notice is to amend the agenda by adding an item to the open session of that meeting.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Parts of this meeting of the Board were open to the public (limited space available), and parts of this meeting were closed to the public. The agenda for September 11, 1997, is amended by adding the following item:

##### **Open Session**

##### **B. Report**

—FCSBA's Quarterly Report